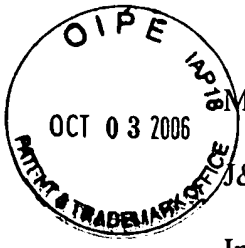


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2006, please amend the above-
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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

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